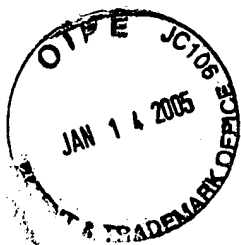
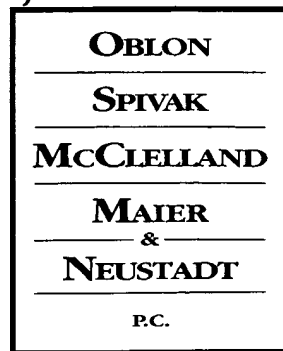


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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/080,709

Applicants: Katsunari OHSONO, et al.

2<sup>ND</sup> RCE Filing Date: November 25, 2003

For: CASK

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: PALABRICA, R. J.

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a)(3)**

**Facsimile Cover Letter of 2/20/2004 (copy)**

**Filing Receipt of 2/3/2003 (copy)**

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal filed 2/3/2003 (copy)**

**Information Disclosure Statement filed 2/3/2003 (copy)**

**PTO Form-1449 filed 2/3/2003 (copy)**

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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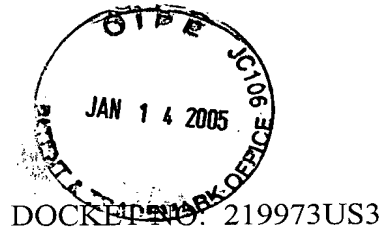
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF : DATE ALLOWED: FEBRUARY 4, 2004  
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SERIAL NO: 10/080,709 :  
2<sup>ND</sup> RCE FILED: NOVEMBER 25, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3641  
FOR: CASK :

**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3)**

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SIR:

This is a Petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a)(3) requesting that the Examiner be instructed by the Commissioner or his representative to withdraw the 3<sup>RD</sup> Request for Continued Examination (RCE) dated February 20, 2004, and actions subsequent to the 3<sup>RD</sup> RCE, including the 2<sup>ND</sup> Notice of Allowance dated July 19, 2004, from the file history of the present application.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

On February 20, 2004, in response to Applicants' request for an acknowledgement of the IDS filed previously on February 3, 2003, Examiner Palabrica instructed Applicants' representative to fax a copy of the IDS. In accordance with the Examiner's instruction, as clearly indicated on the fax cover sheet transmitted to the Examiner on February 20, 2004, a copy of the documents filed on February 3, 2003, including the IDS, filing receipt and RCE transmittal, was sent to the Examiner via the fax. However, the PTO mistakenly assumed

that Applicants submitted a new filing for an RCE, and has entered on the PTO records an RCE on February 20, 2004.

POINT FOR REVIEW

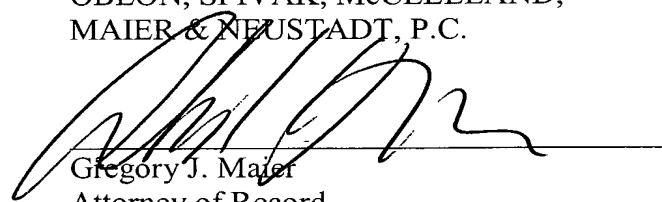
The point for review is why an RCE has been entered on February 20, 2004 even though Applicants clearly indicated that the fax is directed to a copy of the documents filed on February 3, 2003. As evidenced from the attached copy of the documents, only a copy of the IDS, filing receipt and RCE transmittal filed on February 3, 2003, was sent to the Examiner for the purpose of the acknowledgement of the IDS via the fax on February 20, 2004, and the cover sheet clearly indicates as such.

ACTION REQUESTED

In light of the above, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner be directed to withdraw the 3<sup>RD</sup> RCE dated February 20, 2004, and actions subsequent to the 3<sup>RD</sup> RCE, including the 2<sup>ND</sup> Notice of Allowance dated July 19, 2004, from the file history of the present application.

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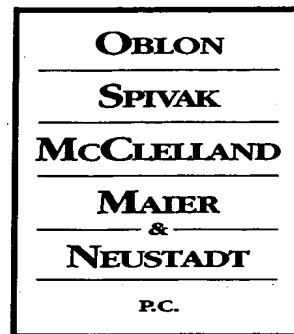
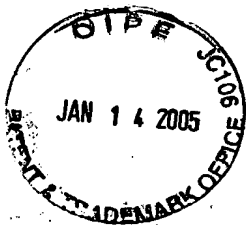
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### COMMENTS

Mr. Palebrica,

Further to our phone conversation, transmitted herewith is a copy of the PTO Form-1449, along with IDS and our Filing Receipt. Please initial Form-1449 and fax it to us (Fax: 703-413-2220, Attn: Go Sayamoto) as soon as possible.

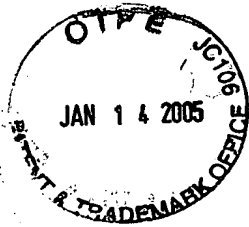
Regards,

Miyako Davidson

For Go Sayamoto

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✓ For: CASK

✓ Due Date: 02/02/03

The following has been received in the U.S. Patent Office on the date stamped hereon

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EXAMINER: PALABRICA, R.

FILED: FEBRUARY 25, 2002

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Previously Submitted:

- ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on December 31, 2002
- ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

Enclosed:

- ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ☒ Other: PTO Form 1449, Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)

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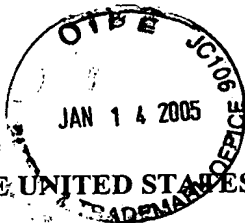


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE/RELATED CASE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.97**

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SIR:

Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

**REFERENCES**

- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the reference cited in the Japanese Office Action and which is listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copy of the listed reference is attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.
- ☐ A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.
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**CERTIFICATION**

- ☒ Each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
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